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and the line of such division or distribution to be entitled to such share or shares as their respective ancestors would have been entitled to receive if then living.

And I do hereby make and Ordain my son Elijah Eskridge executor of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I Richard Eskridge the testator have to this my will, written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed sealed and
delivered in presence of
Witnesses
D. Robbins

Richard Eskridge

In the name of God, Amen.

I William Stewart of the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God; Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this to be my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors; and I appoint my wife Lucina and my son William Stewart to be my executors, and to act and do for me as though I was personally present, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the

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following manner and form — First, I give and bequeath to my dear & beloved wife two hundred acres of land that I now live on and also give my wife one grey mare and two Cows and one Calf and all my hogs & my farming tools and my working instruments and all my household furniture and all that I possess in this world besides, during her natural lifetime and at her death all this property that is left, I do will to my son William Stewart, and I also give Peggy Jones five dollars, and I also give Lucina Simons five dollars, and I also give my grand daughter Peggy Stewart ~~five dollars~~ one grey mare called ~~Lucy~~ and do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all & every other former testaments, legacies and executors by in anywise before made, made and bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one. Signed, sealed published and pronounced and declared by the said William Stewart as his last will and testament in the presence of us, who on his presence and in ^{the} presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Test, Robert Johnston (affirms)

Samuel Stewart (Surat)

William Stewart (Surat)

In the name of God, Amen.

I Thomas West of the County of Rutherford and State of N. Carolina, being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God, Calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed